

**Presidential Task Force on Climate Resilience and Preparedness
Natural Resources and Agriculture Subgroup
Request for Input**

Background

The [**President's Climate Preparedness and Resilience Task Force**](#) (Task Force) was convened to develop recommendations on how the federal government can better support local, state and tribal governments in achieving resilience through disaster preparedness, built systems, natural systems and agriculture, and community development and health.

The Task Force is charged with providing actionable strategies that can be implemented by Executive Order or through existing agency authorities which:

1. Remove barriers and create incentives and otherwise encourage investments in resilience.
2. Provide useful tools and information, including through intergovernmental coordination.
3. Otherwise support state, local, and tribal preparedness for resilience to climate change.

The **Natural Resources and Agriculture Subgroup** is soliciting input in developing recommendations specific to: water resources, agriculture, forests, ecosystems, biodiversity, and ecosystems services; as well as opportunities for natural resources to play a role in reducing human vulnerabilities in the face of climate change. Please consider contributing to this process with a brief response to the questions presented below with particular consideration to those actions that can be advanced in the short term and which will have the most impact. **The deadline for input is March 14th.**

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Consider a challenge you have encountered or an opportunity you have identified relating to climate preparedness planning and efforts to build resilience within the areas of agriculture and/or natural resource management.

1. Describe the challenge/opportunity as it pertains to needs of State, local, or Tribal governments. Describe any steps taken locally to address this challenge/opportunity.

2. What specific actions can be taken at the Federal level to assist you in addressing this challenge/opportunity?
3. Which category(ies) do your recommendations fall into (*circle/highlight all that apply*)
- Recommendations should focus on opportunities within existing authorities that can be taken to:
 1. *remove barriers to resilient investments*
 2. *modernize grant and loan programs to better support local efforts*
 3. *develop information and tools to better serve communities*
 - Recommendations can be: *short-term (1-3 yrs.), medium term (3-5 yrs.), and/or long-term (5+ yrs.)*
 - They can be specific to a Federal department or agency, cross-departmental, and/or relevant to Federal grantees (*please list all that apply*).
 - Recommendations can also be specific to affected: regional, statewide, or local communities, or specific populations (i.e., coastal or inland, low-income, or otherwise vulnerable communities)

- Recommendation topic area(s) (*circle/highlight all that apply*):
 - Ocean and coastal resources – sea-level rise, loss/restoration of coastal wetlands, coastal erosion, coral reefs, ocean acidification, marine fisheries and other ecosystem/subsistence-based food supplies, marine invasive plant species, tourism
 - Agriculture – food security, sustainable agriculture, urban agriculture, farmland preservation, pollinators, pests, invasive species, livestock health (i.e. cooling needs, disease)
 - Forest, grassland, and other terrestrial resources – conversion of forestland/natural lands to other uses, wildlife habitat, tourism, cooperative management of neighboring public lands, ecosystem/subsistence-based food supplies, wildfire, riparian habitat/lands, urban green space
 - Freshwater resources – droughts, flooding, rivers, lakes, freshwater wetlands, blue-green algae, tourism, clean water (i.e. forests to faucets connection), fisheries and other ecosystem/subsistence-based food supplies, reclaimed/recycled water, riparian habitat/lands
 - The use of traditional knowledge in natural resource management – availability of ecosystem/subsistence-based food supplies and other subsistence resources, food security, and related American Indian issues (i.e. access to/use of cultural resources)
 - Biodiversity and overall ecosystem health – wildlife (terrestrial and/or aquatic, freshwater and/or marine) and associated habitat(s)
- Overlap with other subgroup(s) (*circle/highlight all that apply*):
 - Disaster Recovery and Resilience
 - Built Systems: Transportation, Water, Energy, and Facilities Infrastructure
 - Communities: Human Health and Community Development

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